

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-23 (canceled).

1 Claim 24 (currently amended): A method of scheduling a hard copy
2 output engine event, comprising:

3 providing a hard copy output engine comprising:

4 a sensor;

5 a processor; and

6 a memory;

7 sensing status information of a plurality of hard copy output engine
8 events;

9 processing the status information, wherein the processing includes
10 comparing the status information to information housed in the memory to
11 determine if any of the recipients should be appointed to a task corresponding to
12 an event; and

13 appointing a recipient to a task, the appointing comprising:

14 composing an electronic message to the recipients that includes the status
15 information; and

16 transmitting the electronic message from the hard copy output
17 engine to a scheduling engine;

18 tasking the recipient; and

19 updating the status of the task.

1 Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein the
2 status information includes at least one of a toner low or toner out status.

1 Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein
2 information comprises one or more of percentage of remaining consumable, blind
3 carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date,
4 defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag,
5 importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand,
6 reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity,
7 date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list,
8 maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

1 Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein the
2 plurality of events comprises one or more of toner out, toner low, preventative
3 maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts,
4 consumables orders, internal billing dates for job accounting, external billing
5 dates for job accounting, low paper, out of paper, low consumables, out of
6 consumables, and need maintenance.

1 Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein the
2 hard copy output engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile
3 machines, photocopiers and printers.

1 Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein the
2 electronic message includes a consumable order.

1 Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein at
2 least one of the plurality of events comprises a future need for preventative
3 maintenance.

Claims 31-37 (cancelled).

1 Claim 38 (currently amended): A computer implemented hard copy
2 output engine control system, the system comprising:

3 a plurality of sensors adapted to be coupled to a hard copy output engine,
4 the sensors being configured to provide status information relating to a plurality
5 of aspects of the hard copy output engine; and

6 processing circuitry coupled to the sensors, the processing circuitry
7 configured to:

8 read the sensors and detect the status of the aspects of the hard
9 copy output engine;

10 selectively look up from a memory recipients corresponding to the
11 aspects; ~~and~~

12 schedule the recipients, the scheduling comprising composing an
13 electronic message that includes a description of the aspect and
14 appointing the recipient to address the aspect, wherein the appointing
15 comprises tasking the recipient; and

16 updating the status of the task.

1 Claim 39 (previously presented): The computer implemented control
2 system of claim 38, wherein the aspect comprises toner amount.

1 Claim 40 (previously presented): The computer implemented hard copy
2 output engine control system of claim 38, wherein the electronic message
3 comprises the one or more of a percentage of remaining consumable, blind
4 carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date,
5 defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag,
6 importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand,
7 reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity,
8 date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list,
9 maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

1 Claim 41 (previously presented): The computer implemented hard copy
2 output engine control system of claim 38, wherein individual ones of the aspects
3 of the hard copy output engine include one of more of toner out, toner low,
4 preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component
5 parts, consumables orders, low paper, out of paper, low consumables, out of
6 consumables, and need maintenance.

1 Claim 42 (previously presented): The computer implemented hard copy
2 output engine control system of claim 38, wherein the processing circuitry is
3 further configured to detect a status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a
4 group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

1 Claim 43 (previously presented): The computer implemented hard copy
2 output engine control system of claim 38, wherein the processing circuitry is
3 further configured to detect a future need for preventative maintenance.

Claims 44-49 (cancelled).

1 Claim 50 (previously presented): The computer implemented control
2 system of claim 38, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to
3 detect a future need for cleaning or replacement of a component part.

Claims 51-58 (cancelled).

1 Claim 59 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~58~~ 24 wherein the
2 updating comprises calendaring acceptance or declination of a task.

Claims 60-61 (cancelled).

1 Claim 62 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ computer implemented hard
2 copy output engine control system of claim ~~61~~ 38, wherein the updating
3 comprises calendaring acceptance or declination of the task.